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4.(Amended) The process of Claim 1, wherein the nickel-coated graphite fibers have a nickel-coating representing about 45% to about 60% of a total weight of the nickel-coated graphite fibers.

8.(Amended) The process of Claim 1, wherein the binder resin comprises about 5% to about 15% by weight of the graphite.

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17.8.(Amended) A shaped article having a volume resistivity of less than 10^{-2} ohm-cm comprising about 50 to about 95% by weight of a thermoplastic aromatic liquid crystalline polymer and about 5% to about 50% by weight of nickel-coated graphite fibers of a length less than 2 cm, and a non-liquid-crystalline thermoplastic resin at a concentration of about 0.1% to about 20% by weight with respect to the weight of the graphite.

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19.18.(Amended) The shaped article of Claim 17, wherein the binder resin comprises about 5% to about 15% by weight of the graphite.

In a separate attachment, Applicants have shown the changes to the amended claims by way of brackets and underlining.

REMARKS

Election/Restriction

By a telephone discussion with the Examiner, Mr. Cotreau, Patent Attorney with E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, provisionally elected claims 1-20, 36, 38 and 40 for prosecution in the present application, with traverse. Applicants wish to confirm the election of these claims and by this amendment have cancelled claims 21-35, 37, 39 and 41 from this application. These claims are therefore drawn to a non-elected invention and Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications in respect of them.